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SCURRY COUNTY SWATS FERGUSON

Scurry county fixed Jim Ferguson last Saturday just about as might have been expected. Scurry county stands ready to condemn any public officer guilty of the offense proven against Ferguson. Scurry county votes officials to be morally and intellectually fit and whether Ferguson was guilty of crimes or not, he was found to be morally and intellectually unfit to be the governor of Texas. Scurry county people believe in the laws and the constitution of the state. They know that the state needs, our highest representative body proceeded according to law and constitution in removing Ferguson from office and barring him from holding public office in Texas.

The people know that the senate is the highest court in such matters and even had Ferguson received a majority of the vote that would not have made him eligible to hold office but the people of Scurry county have had enough of Ferguson. The fact that Hobby has stood four square for the measures that we have wanted, measures that had been denied us by Ferguson, gave abundant confidence that he is an honest, patriotic, safe man, and believing that Scurry County has rolled up a magnificent majority for Hobby.

Only three precincts in the county, Hermleigh, Lone Wolf and Bethel, gave Ferguson any thing like a liberal vote and Hobby carried all those boxes.

Early in the week, the returns indicated a Hobby majority. In the state of more than 150,000 votes and every candidate that Fergusonism had put on the ticket has gone down in defeat. There is vastly more in these results than the defeat of Ferguson. He had been proven guilty of violations of law and general unfitness. He was legally tried and removed from office. He wanted to appeal his case to the people in hope of vindication. He was permitted to put his name on the state ticket. There was no law for it for he could not have become governor anyhow, but the executive committee and others said: "Let him do it." He did it and now he knows the result. The senate, the law, the constitution, the honor and dignity of Texas have been upheld. The world has been notified that Texas stands for law and order, for clean government for sobriety, for education along all lines from the rural school to the University. Texas stands in the front rank of honest, patriotic, progressive democratic states and pro-Germanism, self-seeking leadership, ignorance, bigotry, buffoonery, bribery, graft and Fergusonism in general have gone down under a wave of popular condemnation.

Summary of Returns.

With 895 precincts in Texas still out the Dallas News of Wednesday had the following summary of the primary election returns:

Hobby 331,478
Ferguson 187,245
Henderson and Johnson in runoff for Lieutenant governor; Cureton and Woods for attorney general; Pippen and Lattimore for judge of criminal appeals; Gilmore and Hurdle for Railroad Commissioner; Terrell and Mayfield for Comptroller.

Where He Got It.

Texas Democracy: "Now Jim since it is all over, where did you get it, Jim: 'In the neck.'"

Community Labor Board.

J. S. Whitworth, district organizer in the Labor department of the government was here this week establishing a Community Labor Board for Scurry county, and he has announced the following local board: Judge Arthur Yonge, Chairman; Marshall A. Fuller, for the employers; and Joe C. Stinson for the employees.

Her Brother in the Service.

Jack Boggs of Provisional Battalion A, American Expeditionary Force, has advised his sister, Mrs. V. T. Boggs of Snyder that he has safely arrived overseas.

DIXIE-OVERLAND HIGHWAY DELEGATES ARE COMING

On or about Saturday, August 10, about three or four hundred delegates to the Dixie-Overland National Highway gathering at Shreveport, La., will be in Snyder enroute to that meeting. This great delegation is to be entertained by Snyder people while here. Four of our citizens—Judge W. S. Adamson, Judge M. E. Rosser, H. G. Towle and J. W. Couch will join them and go to Shreveport as representatives from Scurry county.

Make ready and lets give this bunch of men a grand reception.

In Regard to Congressmen.

Marvin Jones won for Congress in the 19th district. Thos. L. Blanton in the Abilene district. Rayburn in the 4th Joe Eagle at Houston. Rufus Hardy, Corsicana. Claud Hudspeth, El Paso district. Stone Briggs, 7th district. Carlos Roe, San Antonio district.

In the 13th Parish and Spencer will be in the runoff and Collins and Box will be in second primary.

Big Hun Army Whipped.

The Star-Telegram bulletin Wednesday afternoon said:

"Americans and French have whipped the huge army that the Germans hurled at them yesterday. Britain and Pershing both report all attacks repulsed and the Americans have pushed ahead and captured important positions. German newspapers declare that the German population at home are losing courage."

Railroad Change at Abilene.

The Abilene Southern Railroad has been taken over by the Wichita Valley.

The Texas and Pacific will handle all the local business of both the W. V. and the A. & S. All trains will operate from the Texas and Pacific passenger and freight depots.

The Abilene and Southern general offices will be moved from Abilene to Fort Worth where they will be consolidated with the Fort Worth and Denver (Wichita Valley.)

The Abilene Southern shops and round house at Abilene will be removed to Stamford and consolidated with the Wichita Valley shops there.

Church of Christ Revival.

Krangelist Joe L. Netherland of Yuma, Tennessee and Mr. Elford Ribble of Brownwood have been conducting a successful revival meeting here for the Church of Christ. They have large congregations and good services.

Up to Thursday there had been six additions to the church and interest is growing all the time.

Thoughtless spender is one of Germany's allies. Put your money in War Savings Stamps. Wipe your W. G. S. pledge out with dollars.

Messrs Austin, Herbert and Raymond London and their families, all of Hill county have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Clark.

America will never surrender to German autocracy and Germany is as mad as at that he will never give up till he is squelched, therefore we must squelch him.

We want to tell the German population to be not too much cast down over defeat of the Kaiser and his war lords. It will be better for them if the Kaiser is permanently dethroned. They will find, when Monarchy is abolished that they can be happier and more prosperous as a democracy. A life time ruler rarely cares for the welfare of the common people of his kingdom.

The constitution of Texas still lives in the hearts of Texas people and representative democracy continues as a just and correct form of government.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Strayhorn came in Monday from College Station. Roy had a few days furlough and with him back this week. Mrs. Strayhorn will remain here. Roy was expected home from San Antonio, but later news from him is that he and three other expert machinists have been sent out on a tour of inspection.

SNYDER ACTIVITIES OF THE RED CROSS



DO NOT STOP KNITTING.

To All Chapters:

I am surprised upon my return home to find how many chapters have been worried over an article which appeared in the Literary Digest last week entitled "Why not Knit?" and I am more than surprised—I am amazed—that many of them have been influenced by that article to disregard Red Cross instructions.

This is an excellent opportunity for Chapters to have all their workers understand that orders come only from Red Cross headquarters and that no newspaper or magazine publicity or any articles written by individuals, or statements made by individuals, whether in Army service or in Government service or "scientific experts" shall in any way change the action of a Red Cross Chapter. Remember WE ARE ALL SOLDIERS in the great big army that is holding the second line of defense here at home, four thousand miles behind the front lines. We are under the same obligation to obey the orders of our leaders as are the boys we have sent to France to hold the first line of defense. Therefore, follow your instructions from headquarters until those instructions are changed. Anything arises which causes you to think there should be a change, write to headquarters and find out, but DO NOT STOP WORK, and do not change your operations.

This Division will have to stretch itself to provide the quota of knitted goods assigned to it. Unfortunately, one of the sources of supply of our yarn from which we expected a large quantity has disappointed us by turning out defective yarn which we can't send to Chapters, and we will therefore be delayed in getting materials to some Chapters. Where the materials are not delivered to the Chapters as needed, that Chapter will, of course, receive an extension of time for the delivery of its allotment of knitted goods.

GEORGE W. SIMMONS,
Manager, Southwestern Division.

The ladies of the Red Cross wish to extend their thanks to Mr. W. W. Nelson, Jr., for the beef donated last Saturday. The full amount realized was \$45.25. They also wish to thank Messrs F. P. Lord and Robt. Hughes for dressing and bringing the same to town.—Seminole Sentinel.

Don't overlook the investment feature of War Savings Stamps. When you buy them you're doing something worth while for yourself as well as for our country. They are the best bonds the government has ever issued. Gladden the President's heart. Help yourself. Pay your pledge and make another one.

Presiding Elder Griswold Here.
Presiding Elder, J. P. Griswold preached at the Methodist church in Snyder Sunday morning and evening and conducted quarterly conference Sunday night following the evening service.

Turkey has come to realize that Germany cannot be relied upon to keep any sort of a pledge or promise and has therefore decided to cut loose from Germany. For some days the Kaiser has felt nervous over the antagonism manifest in his allies and now Turkey is openly protesting and other German controlled territories are apt to follow.

Rankin Thompson who is in war service on a wardip in New York has been on a visit home for a few days and left Thursday to report for duty.

DEMOCRATIC PRE- CINCT CONVENTION

The democratic precinct convention for Snyder precinct was called to order Saturday afternoon at the court house by county chairman A. C. Wilmett. Committees were appointed on resolutions and on representation in the county convention.

The resolutions committee made the following report which was adopted:

We the committee on resolutions respectfully urge that this convention instruct the delegates by this convention to attend the county convention to vote as unit for Governor W. P. Hobby, and for all his platform demands, and especially do we urge that they vote as a unit for the policies of Governor Hobby in regard to the successful conduct of the war in which we are now engaged, state wide prohibition and the submission of a constitutional amendment relative to granting full suffrage to women to participate in all elections held in this state upon an equal footing with the men.

C. S. Perkins, Jr.
Fritz R. Smith.
M. F. Corralles.

Committee on Resolutions.

Arthur Yonge, W. S. Adamson and T. E. Jenkins, the committee on delegates to the county convention submitted the following list which was adopted:

T. E. Jenkins, J. D. Isaacs, C. S. Perkins, Jr., A. C. Wilmett, W. S. Adamson, Fritz R. Smith, E. F. Smith, M. E. Rosser, Arthur Yonge, J. Z. Noble, Rold. H. Gurnutt, J. W. Warren, T. J. Brownson, H. P. Davis, M. A. Fuller, F. J. Grayson, W. W. Hamilton, J. K. Blackard, C. B. Buchanan, Mrs. C. B. Buchanan, Mrs. J. A. Farmer, Mrs. C. E. Perkins, Mrs. W. S. Adamson, J. S. Hardy, J. Z. Noble was elected precinct chairman for the meeting two years and will represent the Snyder precinct in all matters relating to the interests of the democratic Executive Committee.

The county committee will meet Saturday 2 p. m.

Death of Mrs. Z. H. Polk.

Mrs. Z. H. Polk whose home was near Hobbs in the extreme eastern part of the county, died quite suddenly Friday at Hobbs and was buried at Snyder Sunday morning.

She was a daughter of Mrs. M. D. Gardner, a prominent family, residing at Hermleigh, and had relatives in all matters of friends in Snyder. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock Sunday morning from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Coker.

Music and Expression Recital.

Miss Ruth Buchanan's music pupils, assisted by Miss Willie Mae Wilks, entertained a splendid audience at the Baptist church last Friday evening with a music and expression recital.

A most creditable program was rendered and greatly enjoyed by all present.

El Folia Club

The El Folia club met with Mrs. Guy Paxton in regular session, July 26, during business hour the members vote to entertain our husbands with a swimming and picnic party at the Towle Tank Thursday afternoon, Aug. 1.

Several interesting games of "42" were played. The hostess served a delicious luncheon to Club members and Mrs. Roland Irving.

The club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Joe Stinson at the Towle Tank Aug. 3th.

T. C. Heard and family and Mrs. Mattie Trimble of Seminole, who have been visiting here this week, left Thursday, accompanied by Mrs. G. C. Buchanan and Charley Ben Shell, for a short visit in Sweetwater.

Mrs. Olin Hardy and Olin, Jr. came down Thursday from Amarillo to visit the home folks and be with her sister Mrs. A. D. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Hardy have all the grand children here with them, the first time ever.

SAYS NO EUROPEAN NATION CAN RESIST AMERICA

Amsterdam, July 29.—Returning here from a visit to France a correspondent of the Handelsblad writes a long article of enthusiastic admiration for American achievements and concludes:

"From America issues a force against which no European nation can stand. It is a giant force which is developing calmly and scientifically."

"The German people are told that the U-boats will be able to conjure the American danger, but the German people have not seen what I have seen."

ANGELO BOY IN NAVY HAS MANY THINGS TO SEE

The following letter from the San Angelo Standard was written by a cousin of Mrs. Emmett Johnson of this city, and is reproduced on account of the experience occurring at the same time the Fluvanna boy over slept:

"Lester S. Conley, son of Mrs. S. P. Conley, 25 east Avenue G, has been going through exciting experiences in the navy, according to a letter that his mother received from him Monday. Lester Conley who is twenty-six years old, was in Alaska when the war broke out, and he soon headed for the states, enlisting in the navy at Seattle in January 1918. His letter, written at an Atlantic port, recently, is in part as follows:

"We have again arrived safely after experiencing a very exciting trip. I didn't think the Kaiser had so many submarines as we saw this trip. When we were only one day out from here going across last trip we were attacked by three submarines, and the battle which was most lively lasted about an hour. Torpedoes were shooting through the water in every direction and big six-inch guns were firing from five ships including our own at the same time.

"One submarine fired three torpedoes at our ship and came within two yards of us in so close that damage he had done. He made the mistake of his life in doing so, as our gun crews were waiting for him and put two big shells into him, cutting him in half, and as the shells exploded pieces of submarine flew in all directions.

U-Boats Try To Escape.

The other two submarines submerged in try to save themselves but the powerful depth bombs were dropped over them fair quick the ocean, so that it was hardly possible for them to escape. None of our boats were hit, and the soldiers, all out on deck watching the battle cheered when we hit the submarine and the band started playing 'The Kaiser isn't what he used to be'.

"We had lots to talk about for five days then until the next attack which took place in mid-ocean. A lone submarine came to the surface to get our range, but was very unsuccessful as about twenty big guns spoke at once and he had to get his nose back under the water too quick to have any time for getting our range.

Attacked Off Brest.

"Then as we were just close enough to Brest, France, so that I could see my French girl's chateau on the hill through my long range glasses and think how soon I would be there, a submarine got real brave and tried to keep us from landing. He raised his periscope out about three feet and a destroyer with us knocked three feet of it off for him, after which he lost his nerve and put full steam ahead and left for Germany for repairs.

"Then when we were only one day out from Brest coming back, the Covington, one of our big boats which was alongside of us, was hit. There was lots of excitement—seven whistles blowing as a signal that our ship was hit, guns roaring and depth bombs shaking the ocean. Six sailors were killed on this ship, but she didn't sink for fourteen hours. They towed her back within sight of Brest, but she was mortally disabled and would not stay afloat any longer."

Ma R. M. White is reported seriously sick at his home here.

OIL DEVELOPMENTS IN SCURRY COUNTY

THE CONDITION OF THE OIL AND GAS OUTLOOK

Since the closing of drilling contracts in Scurry county and the opening of the Snyder Oil Lease Exchange there has been considerable interest revived in the oil development sections. Many people who have heretofore declined to lease land, however, are listing their land with the Exchange, placing a cash price on same, and they are realizing immediate money to assist them through the drought.

Experience has taught oil men that it takes months and even years to develop oil fields, and it seems unwise to sit down and wait for wildcat fields to develop into oil fields. Snyder and Scurry county are yet in the wildcat stage, therefore it is wise to realize on lease contracts early in the game.

It is conceded that some time in the dim future this country will be an oil section, but just how long it will take, time only will tell.

Encouraging geological reports keep us hoping for the best, but deep water, as well as oil, runs slowly.

J. T. Harris is in Oklahoma on oil business.

E. J. Anderson is in New Mexico on oil business.

C. M. McGinnis of Ohio is at the Manhattan on oil business.

Jim Kille was here on oil business.

Germany Got Help.

We have been gleefully reading the war bulletin for several days, about the allied drive after the retreating Germans, but we had a feeling of uneasiness Tuesday when the Star-Telegram said Germans with over three-quarter million men launched a "spring offensive" which succeeded in driving Americans and French out of two villages. However the allies continued to advance on important communication points. Hun resistance stronger now than any time since the battle started.

Later reports have been more encouraging. Simonds (thanks Loden-shoff is merely hoping to get out.

Why Turkey Quit.

London, July 29.—"The relations between Germany and Turkey have been severed, according to direct information from Constantinople." This announcement is made by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Reinkens Telegraph Company.

The excitement against Germany, advice further say, has been growing particularly after last week's events. The Germans recently demanded the cruiser Hamidieh, the only large ship then in possession of Turkey, as compensation for the Brestan, the former German cruiser which was destroyed in the Dardanelles while under the Turkish flag.

Despite Turkey's protest the Hamidieh has departed for Sebastopol with the German flag flying.

Ruling on Sugar Beginning August 1

The Federal Food Administration, Houston, Texas, has issued the following ruling on Sugar beginning August 1st, which is as follows (twice):

Each person is allowed two (2) pounds per month for general use and people who live in town are allowed to purchase two pounds at a time and people who live in the country are allowed to purchase five pounds at a time, provided a family has sufficient number to allow a purchase of as much as five pounds at a time. For an example, say there are five in family; they are entitled to purchase ten (10) pounds in a month, but only two pounds at a time if living in town or five pounds at a time if living in the country can be purchased in one day.

Fred A. Grayson,
County Food Administrator, Snyder,
Texas.

German people would like to kill big Kaiser Bill doesn't like to give up his job unless he had another to slink."